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*SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A VIRTUAL  
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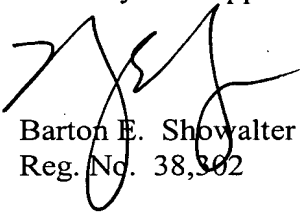
Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the reference listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of this reference is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that this reference qualifies as prior art or that this reference is material to the patentability of the present application.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the claims of Applicants' above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from this reference.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), Applicant's believe that this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of the First Office Action in this case. Therefore, Applicants believe that no fee is due. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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